GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Welfare Schemes
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes running under the Ministry in rural areas;

(b) the steps being taken to promote the existing schemes;

(c) whether there is any scheme for financially enabling the poor and marginalised class from minority communities in rural areas and if so, the details thereof along with number of students particularly from Jain Community benefited therefrom;

(d) whether the Government is aware that students from rural and remote areas particularly from Jain Community are not getting benefits from existing schemes; and

(e) if so, the steps taken/likely to be taken to provide the benefit to the students of Jain Community?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a): This Ministry is implementing the following schemes/programmes in the country, including rural areas, for the welfare of six Centrally notified minorities, namely, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains:-

(1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme
(2) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme
(3) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme
(4) Maulana Azad National Fellowship
(5) Free coaching and allied Scheme
(6) "PadhoPardesh"− Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans forOverseas Studies.
(7) Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State PublicService Commission (PSC) etc. (NaiUdaan)
(8) JiyoParsi
(9) NaiRoshni− Women Leadership Scheme
(10) SeekhoAurKamao
(11) NaiManzil − A scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts.
(12) USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)
(13) HamariDharohar - A scheme to preserve rich heritage of minority communities under the overall concept of Indian Culture.
(14) Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) - implemented in identified Minority Concentration Blocks, Minority Concentration Towns & Clusters of Contiguous Villages for creation of assets.
(15) Grants-in-Aid to Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) for implementation of education and skill related schemes:-
(a) Grants-in-Aid to NGOs/Trust/Society
(b) Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging to the Minorities
(c) Gharib Nawaz Skill Development Training for providing short-term job oriented skill development courses to youths belonging to minority communities.
(16) Equity to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) for providing concessional loans to minorities for self-employment and income generating ventures.

The details of the schemes at serial No. (1) to (14) are available on the website of this Ministry (www.minorityaffairs.gov.in), the one at serial No. (15) are available on the website of MAEF (www.maef.nic.in) and at serial No. 16 are available on the website of NMDFC (www.nmdfc.org).

(b): The Government has undertaken multi-media campaign to spread awareness of welfare schemes meant for minorities through print and electronic media, namely, Doordarshan Network, All

India Radio Network including FM Channels, private FM channels, private TV channels and websites all over the country, including rural areas. Pocket booklets and pamphlets on various schemes / programmes of the Ministry have been published in Hindi, English, Urdu and other regional languages. In order to directly reach to the public and spread awareness, â€žProgress Panchayats? were organized in various places. Regional Coordination & Review Conferences are also held with State Governments from time to time where, inter-alia, information about the Ministry?s schemes is provided. In addition, outdoor publicity has also been done by organizing â€žHunarHaat? at India International Trade Fair 2016 and at Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New Delhi from 11.2.2017 to 26.2.2017 to promote traditional crafts/arts and strengthen their markets linkages.

(c) to (e): All the schemes/programmes implemented by the Ministry in the country for the welfare of six Centrally notified minorities, namely, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains, are also available to the poor and marginalized class of the said six centrally notified minorities, including the minorities from rural and remote areas,. The details of the funds allocated and utilisedunder different schemes of the Ministry during the last three years and the current year are on the website of the Ministry at www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.The details of students from Jain Community getting benefits from existing schemes implemented by the Ministry are at Annexure.

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